

# Alabama

## National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS)

The National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS) is an annual survey of facilities providing substance abuse treatment, and is conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The N-SSATS is designed to collect data on the location, characteristics, services offered, and number of clients in treatment at alcohol and drug abuse facilities (both public and private) throughout the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and other U.S. jurisdictions. For more information on N-SSATS methodology, [click here](#).

In **Alabama**, 118 substance abuse treatment facilities responded to the 2002 N-SSATS, reporting that there were 10,934 clients in substance abuse treatment on March 29, 2002. The survey response rate in **Alabama** was 99%.

Facility Ownership/Operation						
	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 29, 2002			
	No.	%	All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private non-profit	59	50%	5,034	46%	427	77%
Private for-profit	30	25%	3,552	33%	65	12%
Local government	17	14%	1,108	10%	20	4%
State government	3	3%	462	4%	45	8%
Federal government	9	8%	778	7%	—	—
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	6	5%	686	6%	—	—
Dept. of Defense	3	3%	92	1%	—	—
Indian Health Service	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tribal government	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,934</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>100%</b>

Primary Focus of Facility						
	Facilities		Clients in Treatment on March 29, 2002			
	No.	%	All Clients		Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Substance abuse treatment services	81	69%	8,906	82%	498	89%
Mental health services	10	9%	160	2%	3	1%
General health care	7	6%	513	5%	—	—
Mix of mental health & substance abuse treatment services	20	17%	1,355	12%	56	10%
Other/unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>10,934</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>100%</b>

Substance Abuse Problem Treated						
	Facilities <sup>1</sup>		Clients in Treatment on March 29, 2002			
	No.	%	Clients		Clients per 100,000 Pop. Aged 18 and Over	
	No.	%	No.	%		
Clients with both alcohol and drug abuse	91	83%	4,142	38%	113	
Clients with drug abuse only	94	86%	5,179	47%	149	
Clients with alcohol abuse only	88	80%	1,613	15%	44	
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>110</b>		<b>10,934</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>305</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Facilities may be included in more than one category.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes 8 facilities that were not asked or did not respond to this question.

## Type of Care

	Facilities <sup>1</sup>		Clients in Treatment on March 29, 2002				
			All Clients			Clients Under Age 18	
	No.	%	No.	%	Median No. of Clients Per Facility	No.	%
<b>Outpatient</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>10,047</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>87%</b>
Regular outpatient	60	51%	1,791	16%	13		
Intensive outpatient	69	59%	4,172	38%	35		
Day treatment/partial hospitalization	23	20%	274	3%	7		
Detoxification	17	14%	70	1%	0		
Methadone/LAAM maintenance	15	13%	3,740	34%	229		
<b>Residential</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>12%</b>
Rehabilitation	27	23%	756	7%	24		
Detoxification	6	5%	34	<1%	3		
<b>Hospital Inpatient</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>
Rehabilitation	3	3%	43	<1%	7		
Detoxification	11	9%	54	1%	5		
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>		<b>10,934</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>100%</b>

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## Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs)

	No.	%
<b>Facilities with OTPs</b>		
Maintenance only	5	33%
Detoxification only	—	—
Both maintenance and detoxification	10	67%
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Clients in Facilities with OTPs</b>	<b>3,776</b>	
Methadone	3,769	
LAAM	7	

## Type of Payment Accepted

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Cash or self-payment	110	93%
Private health insurance	82	70%
Medicare	27	23%
Medicaid	60	51%
Other State-financed health insurance	36	31%
Federal military insurance	57	48%
Other type of payment	5	4%
Sliding fee scale	60	51%
Other payment assistance	35	30%

## Facility Capacity and Utilization Rate

	Residential	Hospital Inpatient
No. of facilities <sup>1</sup>	22	10
No. of clients	663	94
Designated beds	712	148
Utilization rate	93%	64%
Designated beds per facility (average)	32	15

<sup>1</sup> Excludes facilities not reporting both clients counts and number of beds, facilities whose client counts were reported by another facility, and facilities that included client counts from other facilities.

## Facility Licensing, Approval, Certification, or Accreditation

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Any listed agency/organization	115	98%
State Substance Abuse Agency	76	64%
State Mental Health Department	84	71%
State Public Health Department/Board of Health	26	22%
Hospital licensing authority	10	9%
JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations)	33	28%
CARF (Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission)	3	3%
NCQA (National Committee for Quality Assurance)	2	2%
COA (Council for Accreditation for Children and Family Services)	—	—
Other State/Local Agency/Organization	6	5%

## Facility Administrative and Funding Characteristics

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Is part of organization with multiple facilities or sites	80	68%
Has agreements or contracts with managed care organizations for provision of substance abuse treatment services	45	38%
Receives Federal, State, county, or local government funds for substance abuse treatment programs	73	62%

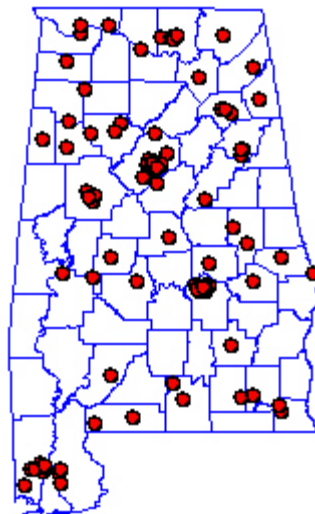
## Programs for Special Groups

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Dually-diagnosed	40	34%
Adolescents	35	30%
Persons with HIV/AIDS	17	14%
Gays and lesbians	8	7%
Pregnant/postpartum women	12	10%
Women only	28	24%
Men only	14	12%
Seniors/older adults	11	9%
Criminal justice clients	28	24%
DUI/DWI offenders	23	20%
Other groups	6	5%

## Types of Services Offered

	Facilities	
	No.	%
<b>Assessment Services</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>93%</b>
Comprehensive substance abuse assessment/diagnosis	107	91%
Comprehensive mental health assessment/diagnosis	44	37%
<b>Substance Abuse Therapy and Counseling</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>100%</b>
Family counseling	100	85%
Group therapy	109	92%
Individual therapy	114	97%
Relapse prevention groups	96	81%
Aftercare counseling	99	84%
<b>Pharmacotherapies</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11%</b>
Antabuse	12	10%
Naltrexone	4	3%
<b>Testing</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>94%</b>
Blood alcohol testing	62	53%
Drug/alcohol urine screening	108	92%
Hepatitis testing	30	25%
HIV testing	40	34%
STD testing	29	25%
TB screening	41	35%
<b>Transitional Services</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>92%</b>
Assistance with obtaining social services	52	44%
Discharge planning	100	85%
Employment counseling/training	41	35%
Housing assistance	32	27%
Referral to other transitional services	98	83%
<b>Other Services</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>93%</b>
Case management services	77	65%
Child care	15	13%
Domestic violence or family/partner violence services	24	20%
HIV/AIDS education/counseling/support	76	64%
Outcome follow-up (post-discharge)	91	77%
Transportation assistance to treatment	50	42%
Acupuncture	1	1%

## Location of Treatment Facilities



Use SAMHSA's Treatment Facility Locator to find the address and characteristics of specific facilities:

<http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov>

## Services for the Hearing Impaired or in Languages Other than English

	Facilities	
	No.	%
Hearing impaired	35	30%
Spanish	20	17%
American Indian/Alaska Native languages	1	1%
Other	4	3%

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<http://www.oas.samhsa.gov/dasis.htm#Reports>

Access the latest N-SSATS public use files at:

<http://webapp.icpsr.umich.edu/cocoon/SAMHDA-SERIES/00058.xml>

Other substance abuse reports are available at:

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